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## RTC Implements Public Safety Measures in Response to Coronavirus

**Reno, Nevada (March 6, 2020)** – Public safety is a high priority for the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) of Washoe County. In response to the COVID-19 (novel coronavirus), the RTC has implemented additional public safety measures to minimize the spread of the disease.

The RTC disinfects its buses daily to minimize the spread of flu germs. Best practices dictate that surfaces in transit vehicles and transit stations be sanitized daily, as is currently taking place. Informational flyers and hand-sanitizing stations have been installed at RTC transit stations in downtown Reno and Sparks.

Bus drivers and passengers are being urged to use proper hand hygiene, safe-coughing etiquette, and to stay home if they are sick and urge the public to also follow these precautions.

The RTC is coordinating with the Washoe County Health District, its transit contractors, Keolis and Ride Right, and the American Public Transportation Association in an ongoing review of health and safety protocols to ensure the safety of our employees and transit customers.

The RTC encourages everyone to share recommended preventive measures with their family, friends and co-workers to minimize the risk of infection.

For information about COVID-19, go to:

Washoe County Health District

World Health Organization

Center for Disease Control and Prevention

To learn more, visit <u>rtcwashoe.com</u>.

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**About RTC**: The Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County, Nevada serves the citizens of Reno, Sparks and unincorporated areas of Washoe County. As the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the region, the RTC provides leadership in planning and implements quality transportation systems to meet the community's present and future transportation needs. For more information about RTC projects visit <a href="rtcwashoe.com">rtcwashoe.com</a> and sign up for email updates using MyRTC or call (775) 348-0400. Follow RTC on <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a>, <a href="Twitter">Twitter</a>, <a href="Instagram">Instagram</a> and <a href="YouTube">YouTube</a>.

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